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THAT'S NEWS



## HIT OR MISS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

THIS is the 'twist and turn' season for sport on Oahu. Football has passed on; there has been a surfeit of baseball, ending with the best that the world can produce; the track season is still several months in the future, as is also rowing, and altogether what may be termed the major sports are dead for the time being. This statement should be qualified as far as army football and baseball are concerned. The service football league is still running off its series at the army posts, and thousands of soldier gridiron fans are being entertained every Sunday, while at Fort Shafter the company baseball series is being played. However, the Honolulu public doesn't cut much figure in either of these exhibitions, although no admission is charged and spectators are more than welcome.

Indoor sports are making the best bid for popularity, and the basketball and indoor baseball games should fill the sporting void very acceptably for the next few months. The national guard army given Honolulu a splendid floor for both these games, together with fine accommodations for spectators, and if sport lovers "get the habit" they will find all sorts of amusement in store for them.

The service basketball league will open its season early in January with eight teams in the race. These teams have been practicing several times a week for a month past and as the time for the opener approaches they will put the finishing touches on their work. The class of basketball should be high and as the keenest rivalry exists between the different factions there should be lots of excitement. The army, navy, marine corps and national guard are all represented, the makeup of the league being as follows: Second Infantry, Fort De Russy, Company I, Engineers, Field Company E, Signal Corps, Department Hospital, Marines, National Guard, U. S. S. Albatross. A small admission will be charged to these games.

The indoor baseball league of the national guard is now in full swing, and the two games already played have been largely attended. There is no admission charged, and the large gallery overlooking the drill floor assures everyone of an unobstructed view of every play.

ONCE upon a time Frank Baker of the Athletics, one of the greatest sluggers the game ever has known, was "canned" because of weak hitting. It happened back in 1905 or 1906. Baker's work with an independent team attracted the attention of one of McGraw's scouts. Baker was signed and turned over to the Baltimore club of the Eastern League for seasoning. He lasted just a short while, and was let out "because he's a punk fielder and he can't hit."

Baker began his career as an outfielder, but played third base in 1907 with the Cambridge, Md., team. The man who discovered him was Charles Herzog, now manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Herzog signed Baker at a salary of \$5 a week and board to play with the Ridgely, Md., team. He played with that club in 1905, went to Cambridge in 1907, to Reading (in the Tri-State League) in 1908, and was secured by Connie Mack for the 1909 season.

Umpire Jack McCarthy had a lot of nice things to say about Honolulu when he said today to his many friends here yesterday, and among other things he gave a big boost to the local umpire, Capt. Norris Stanton, who worked with him throughout the big league series.

"I don't know if the fans here appreciate Stanton's umpiring or not," said McCarthy, "but I want to say right now that I never had a better man to work the bases with me. Stanton knows the game, has a good eye, and gives his decisions right away, and sticks to them. He's as good as any of them."

All of which, coming unsolicited from a veteran indicator holder, is quite a boost for the local arbitrator.

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## GOLF GOSSIP

Harry Vardon contributes the following, which tells of his experiences with American caddies, and compares their indifference to the keenness of those in his own country.

"I shall never forget the first caddy that I ever had in a championship. The occasion was the Prestwick meeting of 1893, and my henchman was a hunchback about 12 years of age. He insisted on my taking his advice in regard to every shot that I played, and, being young at the time, I obeyed him faithfully. At length, however, we came to a situation where I did not in the least degree fancy his scheme for my advancement, and, ignoring his counsel, I executed the stroke that appealed to me. From that moment he would have scarcely anything to do with me for the remainder of the championship. To be sure, he fulfilled his contract by continuing to carry the clubs, but he would not so much as take one out of the bag. Every time we came up to the hall he turned his back on me and held the bag at arm's length for me to select whatever instrument I might desire. It was useless to ask him for a hint. I have never seen such sustained and dignified indignation on the part of a boy of 12.

**Dislikes to Work.**

"He was something like the average caddy in the United States, who is a monument of independence. When first the British golfer goes to the states nothing astonishes him more than the completeness with which the American caddy has succeeded in establishing his task as an easy one. He will not tee the ball. You have to do that yourself, whether you like it or dislike it. He will not clean the clubs. That is the duty of the professional, who employs a special staff for it. To one caddy whom I had in America I handed a ball and asked him to remove the mud which had clung to it as the result of a visit to a ditch. He took it without a word. A few holes later I told him that I would use it again. He produced it, still covered with mud.

"Why, you haven't cleaned it," I protested.

**Had Not Time.**

"Haven't had time," he said with supreme indifference. Certainly he had had nothing else to do except walk.

"The only keen caddy I saw there was the diminutive Eddie Lowry, who carried for Francis Ouimet when the latter defeated Ray and myself for the open championship of the United States at Brookline, Mass.

"Eddie" was about 10 years of age, and he looked less. He was hardly as tall as the bag which he lugged around the course, and one could not help smiling when he emerged from the crowd, grappling earnestly with his load, and made his way up to his six-foot-high employer. If the fate of America had depended upon "Eddie" that day he could not have been keener. Much more typical of the caddy in the States was the one who said to me in the middle of a round at Miami: "Here, hold these clubs! I'll go and kill a snake for you."

**Shooting into a Net.**

"In some way the most trying ordeals through which I ever passed was presented in a sporting goods store in Boston during my first tour in the States about 15 years ago. The golf boom in America was at its height, and the manager of the store conceived the idea of my playing shots into a net erected in one of the showrooms. He offered me so handsome a reward for the exhibition that no sane professional would have refused it, and on the appointed day I duly put in an appearance ready to begin proceedings as arranged at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. The plan was that I should hit shots into the net for half an hour and then rest for half an hour, this going on all day until 5 o'clock in the evening.

"The room was packed (there must have been some hundreds of people present all the time) and at the end of the first thirty minutes I retired in accordance with the schedule.

"To my astonishment the spectators broke into thunderous applause; they clapped, cheered and banged their sticks and umbrellas on the floor with such persistency that I had to return. After another spell of about half an hour I again retired, but the appreciation was as embarrassing as in the former interval, and I was obliged to resume immediately.

"People were constantly going and coming, but the fresh arrivals seemed to be as satisfied as their predecessors, and I did not obtain five minutes' rest. What anybody can have seen in the performance I do not know—driving a ball into a net is hardly exciting—but I had to do it all day.

"Seeking variety I started playing masher shots at some taps in the ceiling, and had just struck one of those objects, when the manager rushed up to implore me to desist. It appeared that if I happened to turn on the tap connected with the fire extinguisher I should flood the store!

"At about 4 o'clock I felt that I had had enough of it. I made my customary exit; the applause restarted, but, once I was out of the showroom, I fled from the building. Nobody could have continued that game any longer. The manager told me that during the day they sold every club in the shop. That will give you some idea of the wholeheartedness with which the Americans took up golf."

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## SOME TEAMS ARE HOODOOS FOR OTHER AGGREGATIONS

By BILLY EVANS.  
Big League Umpire.

"If Walter can get through this series without being defeated he is likely to break the world's record. I'm afraid of this St. Louis bunch, though, for it always gives Wales plenty of trouble." It was Capt. George McBride of the Washington club doing the talking. We were discussing Walter Johnson's chances to better his record of 15 straight victories. The St. Louis club was just finishing its fielding practice. It was a seventh place aggregation, and looked none too formidable, yet the Washington team feared the coming meeting, when Walter Johnson did the pitching. The greatest pitcher in the world was to face a seventh place team, yet his teammates were dubious as to the result.

Early in the season of 1912 Rube Marquard of the New York Giants started the baseball world by winning 19 straight games. Starting with the opening game of the season, he went to July 8 before suffering defeat. Then, with a chance to establish a world's record, he failed in his twelfth straight. On July 3, the day of Marquard's nineteenth victory, Walter Johnson started his winning streak at the expense of the New York Americans. On August 23 he beat Detroit 8 to 1, making his sixteenth straight win. St. Louis, a seventh place team, and New York, a hopeless tailender, were the next two clubs scheduled to play Washington. Most critics figured it would be a piece for Johnson to beat these two weak second division clubs. That would make his record 18 straight, and putting it up to him to beat Philadelphia if he would equal Marquard's record.

The entire Washington team was lots more worried about the approaching games than Johnson, the player most concerned. While critics figured St. Louis and New York would be easy for Johnson, his teammates did not regard the outcome in the same light. It was this fear that caused Capt. McBride to express the hope that Johnson would be able to go through the series with the Browns without having his record spoiled. Another thing that made the series all the more critical was the fact that the Washington team still had a good look-in for the pennant, and naturally the players were anxious to take advantage of every opportunity.

No soft spots were picked for Johnson in piling up his victories or he would never have been forced to face the situation that confronted him in the game of August 26. In the seventh inning, with the score 6 to 2 to 2, one down and runners on first and second, Johnson was sent to the rescue of Tom Hughes. A wild pitch moved the runners up a base, the next batter fanned, and with two strikes on him, Pete Compton came through with a short single that scored two runs, ultimately winning the game 6 to 3. It was contended that the defeat should be charged to Hopkins, but President Johnson ruled otherwise. Two days later just to show there was no fluke about the other victory, St. Louis beat Johnson 2 to 1, in a game in which he worked the entire route. The fears of Capt. McBride, expressed prior to the series, had been realized.

**Ewings Always Worry.**

It is indeed strange how certain teams appear to have the "goat" of other clubs. The St. Louis team, no matter how low it was in the race, has always been able to come to life and make trouble for Walter Johnson. It was the Browns who stopped Johnson, after he had gone 56-13 innings without allowing the opposition a run. Most any time he faces the Mount City boys he is sure of a battle.

The Boston Red Sox have always been mighty troublesome for the Athletics. If the six other teams in the American league were as easy for Boston as the Athletics, that team would always be a most dangerous contender. Last season no club in the American league was easier for Boston than Connie Mack's sterling aggregation. Near the close of the season the Athletics were scheduled to play a four-game series at Boston. At the time the Philadelphia team had a twelve-game lead. No one would have thought Mack's boys felt any concern over the series with Boston, since the season had only about a month to run, yet the Athletics were giving it a lot of consideration.

I worked the series in Philadelphia, just prior to the coming clash in Boston. Several times I heard the players discussing the games on the bench. Prior to one of the contests I heard Ira Thomas remark:

"Now all we need is to take two of these four games, and we won't have to worry any more about Boston. Carigan is probably figuring on that series to put his boys back in the running. He will try his best to take the series. Plank and Bressler have had a good rest and our two left-handers ought to take a game apiece."

**Boston Won Four Straight.**

That the Athletics had grounds for fearing the Bostonians was proved by the outcome of that four-game series. The Red Sox took four straight games in most decisive fashion, threw a big scare into the Mackmen and made them fight almost to the very finish before the pennant was clinched. Of the last ten games played in 1914 between the Athletics and Boston, the Red Sox won nine, making it seem that some clubs surely do have the "goat" of other aggregations.

In the National league the Boston club has been an equally hard problem for the St. Louis Cardinals to solve. Of the last eleven games played between the two teams the Boston Na-

tional leaguers won nine, lost one and tied the other after twelve innings of play. On the season's play the Boston club won sixteen from the Cardinals and lost only five. Three times the Cardinals met the Braves in crucial series, in which the winning of the majority of the games would have made them strong pennant contenders, but each time the St. Louis boys failed miserably. When one considers the small margin that separated the Cardinals from first place, it is easy to imagine what merely an even break would have meant to them in the games with Boston.

**Naps Easy for Washingtons.**

For years the Washington club has been a thorn in the side of Cleveland. Always when the Naps had a chance, Washington, regardless of the strength of its club, would come along and put Cleveland out of the running. In 1908 when Cleveland lost the pennant by a half-game margin, Washington, a team that finished seventh in the race, was able to win fourteen out of the twenty-two games played between the two clubs. In 1913 when the Naps were a strong contender, Washington scored fifteen wins out of twenty-two meetings. It is easy to figure what might have happened had the Naps merely broken even in those two campaigns. At one stage, just when Cleveland was in the thick of the fight, it came to Washington for a five-game series.

I suppose the Nationals will proceed to put us out of the running, now that we have a chance," remarked one of the Naps prior to the start of the series. That is just what Washington did, by taking five straight games.

Victories for the Cleveland club last year were few and far between, but Washington seemed to be the one club that the tail-end Naps could trim. Cleveland had sweet revenge for defeats of the past, for the Naps did much to put the Nationals out of the running last season. Washington suffered a similar fate to the St. Louis Cardinals when thrust into a crucial series. Several times the Nationals faced the Athletics, when a clean sweep would have made them dangerous, but each time Mack's team went out and increased its lead at Washington's expense.

Pitchers are like teams, certain pitchers find certain teams easy picking, while other clubs not nearly so strong are hard for them to beat. Until recently Christy Mathewson had the Cincinnati club beaten the moment his name was announced as the pitcher. From 1901 to 1911 Mathewson won twenty-two successive games from the Reds.

## D COMPANY IS WINNER OVER B AT ARMORY

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	W.	L.	Pct.
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Company D	1	0	1000
Company A	0	0	000
Company C	0	0	000
Company G	0	0	000
Company F	0	0	000
Hospital Corps	0	1	000
Company B	0	1	000

Last Night's Result:  
Company D, 30; Company B, 17.

**Company A vs. Company G, 8 p. m.**

Company D and Company B met on the indoor diamond of the armory last night in the first game for both organizations in the guard baseball series, and after a snappy contest D emerged with the long end of the score. With the exception of the fifth and sixth innings the scores were held down to low figures, but in those frames Robley, B pitcher, weakened, and he was hit hard for a total of 18 runs, which practically clinched the game for Capt. Kolb's outfit.

Tinker, who pitched for the winners, struck out 12 and passed seven, while Robley was tighter with the passes, issuing only three, but fanned only half as many batters. "Kelly" Henshaw caught the game for D, while Glenn Jackson was behind the plate for the losers. Sam Chillingworth umpired.

**Score by innings:**  
Company D... 1 4 0 0 7 11 2 2 3—30  
Company B... 1 1 0 0 1 3 5 2 4—17

## TONIGHT'S BAND PROGRAM

The Hawaiian band will give a public concert at the Pleasanton hotel, Funahou, this evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Kapellmeister Henri Berger has arranged the following program:

March—King Kalakaua.....Berger  
Overture—Rosa munde.....Schubert  
Intermezzo—Queen Kapiolani.....Berger  
Selection—Il Trovatore.....Verdi  
Vocal—Hawaiian Songs.....Kalani  
Medley—Musical Review, by.....Riviera  
Waltz—Hesitation.....Holzman  
March—Gay Spirits, by request.....Tonapkins  
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Although the war tax for 1914 went into operation, persons in New York affected by it could not pay their assessments as the necessary forms and stamps had not arrived from Washington.

## DOUBLE EXXES CINCH TITLE ON THE ALLEYS

Intermediate League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
XX Club	9	0	1.000
Washingtons	7	5	.583
Hawailia	5	4	.555
P. B. C. I.	2	7	.222
Olympics	1	8	.111

The XX club clinched the championship of the Y. M. C. A. intermediate league by winning three straight games from the Washingtons, their nearest rivals, last evening. There was no question about the better team, while their opponents were considerably below form.

Cyril Tinker was the star with an average of .778. Tinker and Evensen shared the best game for the Washingtons and Yee took single high game honors. Tomorrow evening the Triangles and Aieris will roll an important match in the senior club league.

—Games—			
	1st	2nd	3rd
XX Club	120	158	126
McTaggart	116	116	157
Keefe	133	144	138
Methven	202	117	191
Evensen	192	129	202
Tinker	125	126	141

Totals.....663 674 812 2249

—Games—			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Washingtons	119	114	113
Yee	125	126	94
Chan	86	95	89
Tai Lay	125	121	103
Yim	126	126	141
Young	126	126	141

Totals.....621 582 540 1743

## HOW BLUE GRASS STATE HANDLES SPORT OF KINGS

For all practical purposes the racing law of Kentucky is the greatest institution of its nature in America. The law creating the Kentucky state racing commission was enacted by the general assembly in 1906, and by its enactment the commission actually became the law of racing, empowered to make rules and regulations overnight, if necessary, to govern even the smallest detail of racing throughout the state. The governors of the Blue Grass state have always appointed strong men on the commission, men who had the interest of the breeding and racing of the thoroughbred at heart, and no association has ever been allowed to overstep the boundaries of what was best for the blooded horse; and "The Sport of Kings," as racing is termed throughout the world, is Senator on Commission.

The present Kentucky state racing commission is composed of men whose names have been identified with the great breeding establishments and glorious racing of Kentucky for over a quarter of a century. The chairman is United States senator from Kentucky. There is in almost every human being an inherent love of the thoroughbred horse and the supreme struggles for victory in racing. Before the day of the crooked bookmaker and the personal greed of the racing associations, racing was the premier sport of the world, but it was degraded to such an extent, not only by the bookmaker, the owner and the jockey, but by the avaricious racing associations, that laws were quickly passed to prohibit all forms of wagering, and in their haste to stop racing many of the legislatures passed what have been justly termed "fool laws," with no thought to one of America's greatest prizes, the breeding establishments of this country, from which many American-bred horses have won the world's greatest racing fixtures.

**Saw the Handwriting.**

Before 1906 Kentucky's wise men saw the handwriting on the wall and passed a law that has gradually met with approbation throughout America. Colorado and Maryland have already adopted it, and it is predicted that laws patterned after the Kentucky state racing commission will soon be operated in many other states. It has saved to this country a great industry, a magnificent sport and recreation.

Under the new system the owner of horses has larger purses and stake events to race for than ever before, as the commission regulates even that department, and it is conducive of greater racing and an incentive to breeders to produce, if possible, horses of greater speed and stamina. The noted sires and dams that were shipped to England a few years ago may now be brought back to America, for racing has gone through the cleansing process and will soon flourish again under the proper restrictions and with broad-minded men at the helm.

With the thousands of horses being shipped to Europe for war purposes, America will need to look after and encourage its breeding interests.



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